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## Senator Lee Zeldin Applauds Passage of Legislation to Curb Prescription Drug Abuse

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“The recent wave of prescription drug abuse has become not only dangerous, but violent and deadly,” said State Senator Lee M. Zeldin (R, C, I- Shirley). “The horrific shooting at Haven Drugs in Medford last June was a tragedy that should have never occurred. The legislation we passed in the Senate today is an important step in our efforts to curb this growing epidemic and help insure that what happened in Medford never happens again. These bills, which I was proud to co-sponsor, will place tighter controls on prescription drugs such as Hydrocodone and Tramadol; they will also create new penalties, and increase existing penalties, for those who contribute to the black market sale of these dangerous substances. Hopefully all levels of government continue advocating strongly for further progress moving forward.”